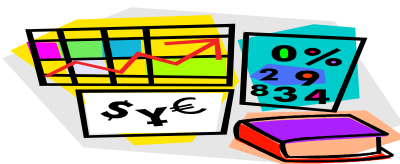


LABOR MARKET REVIEW

Region 6

Statistical Data Report for April 2006

Released June 2006



April 2006
Preliminary Labor Force
Estimates
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LABOR MARKET REVIEW

This newsletter is a monthly report on a variety of statistical data for the Region. Recently eleven Indiana Economic Growth Regions were formed. The Economic Growth Region (EGR) 6 includes: Blackford, Delaware, Fayette, Henry, Jay Randolph, Rush Union and Wayne Counties.

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE RANKING BY COUNTY (HIGH TO LOW)

RANK - MARCH 2006	COUNTY
1	Orange (8.0%)
2	Fayette
3	Randolph
12	Blackford
15	Wayne
16	Delaware
21	Henry
32	Union
64	Jay
68	Rush
92	Hamilton (2.8%)

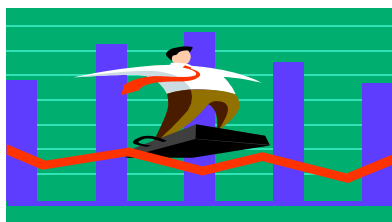
Area	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Rate 2006	Rate 2005
U. S.	150209,000	143,405,000	6,804,000	4.5%	4.7%
Indiana	3,242,430	3,086,200	156,200	4.8%	4.9%
Muncie MSA	56,240	52,950	3,290	5.8%	6.6%
EGR 6	170,080	160,160	9,920	5.8%	6.7%
Blackford County	6,970	6,550	420	6.1%	6.5%
Delaware County	56,240	52,950	3,290	5.8%	6.6%
Fayette County	11,540	10,690	850	7.3%	8.4%
Henry County	23,220	21,920	1,300	5.6%	6.6%
Jay County	11,860	11,340	520	4.4%	5.4%
Randolph County	13,230	12,280	950	7.2%	8.0%
Rush County	9,865	9,440	425	4.3%	4.6%
Union County	4,015	3,805	210	5.3%	5.3%
Wayne County	33,150	31,180	1,970	5.9%	6.9%
Muncie City	31,150	29,180	1,970	6.3%	7.1%
Richmond City	17,140	16,120	1,020	5.9%	7.2%



SURROUNDING STATES UNEMPLOYMENT April 2006

(not seasonally adjusted)

Illinois	5.0%
Kentucky	5.9%
Michigan	6.8%
Ohio	5.4%



ALL ABOUT UNEMPLOYMENT RATES

For a detailed report on how the government measures unemployment rates click on the following link:

http://www.bls.gov/cps/cps_hiqm.htm

For the detailed news summary regarding the employment situation in the United States click on the following link: (Adobe Acrobat necessary)

<http://www.bls.gov/news.release/pdf/empst.pdf>

REGIONAL AND STATE UNEMPLOYMENT (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)

Regional and state unemployment rates were little changed in April, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor. Thirty-two states registered over the month unemployment rate increases, 8 states recorded decreases, and 10 states had no change. The South again posted the lowest jobless rate among the regions, 4.5 percent. The Midwest continued to report the highest rate, 5.1 percent. Mississippi-where unemployment remains elevated following Hurricane Katrina- posted the highest unemployment rate 7.7%. The next highest rates were recorded in Michigan, 7.2%, Alaska 7.0% and South Carolina, 6.6%. Hawaii reported the lowest unemployment rate, 2.8% followed by Florida and South Dakota, 3.0% each. Seven additional states registered jobless rates below 3.5%.

Over the year, jobless rates declined in 36 states, rose in 11 states and stayed the same in 3 states.

MUNCIE MSA



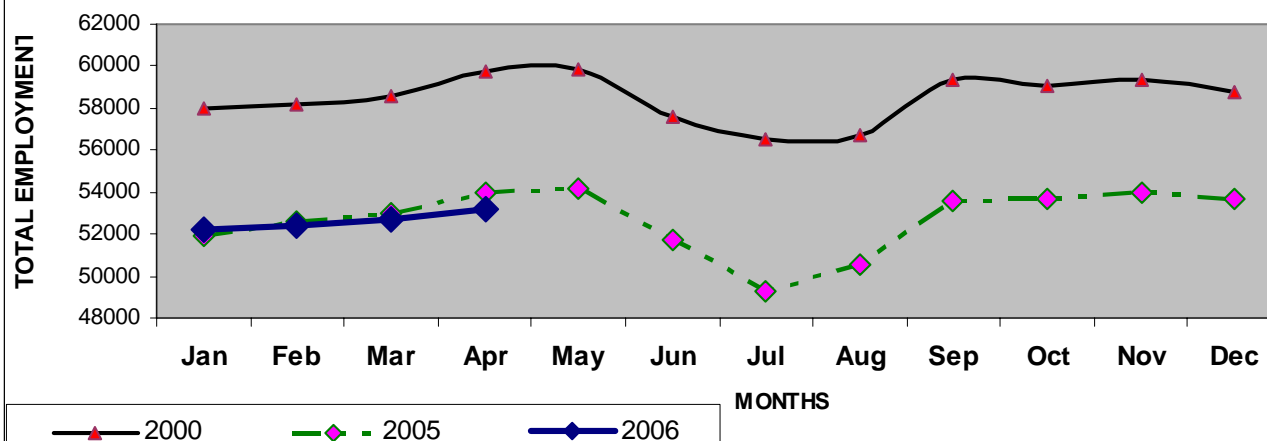
WAGE AND SALARIED EMPLOYMENT

Muncie, IN MSA

	APRIL 2006	MARCH 2006	APRIL 2005	MAR. 2006 TO APR. 2006	CHANGE FROM APR. 2005 TO APR. 2006
Total Nonfarm	53,200	52,700	54,000	+500 +0.9%	-800 -1.5%
Total Private	40,300	39,800	40,600	+500 +1.3%	-300 -0.7%
Goods Producing	8,700	8,600	8,600	+100 +1.2%	+100 +1.2%
Service-Providing	44,500	44,100	45,400	+400 +0.9%	-900 -2.0%
Private Srvc Provide	31,600	31,200	32,000	+400 +1.3%	-400 -1.3%
Nat. Res & Construction	2,200	2,100	2,100	+100 +4.8%	+100 +4.8%
Manufacturing	6,500	6,500	6,500	+0 +0.0%	+0 +0.0%
Durable Goods	5,700	5,600	5,500	+100 +1.8%	+200 +3.6%
Trade,Transportation,Utilities	8,900	8,800	9,100	+100 +1.1%	-200 -2.2%
Wholesale Trade	1,300	1,200	1,300	+100 +8.3%	+0 +0.0%
Retail Trade	6,400	6,400	6,700	+0 +0.0%	-300 -4.5%
Trans,Warehouse,Utilities	1,200	1,200	1,100	+0 +0.0%	+100 +9.1%
Information	400	400	400	+0 +0.0%	+0 +0.0%
Financial Activities	2,000	2,000	2,000	+0 +0.0%	+0 +0.0%
Professional and Business	3,900	3,800	3,900	+100 +2.6%	+0 +0.0%
Educational and Health	9,000	9,000	9,200	+0 +0.0%	-200 -2.2%
Health Care and Social	8,600	8,600	8,800	+0 +0.0%	-200 -2.3%
Leisure and Hospitality	5,400	5,200	5,400	+200 +3.8%	+0 +0.0%
Other Services	2,000	2,000	2,000	+0 +0.0%	+0 +0.0%
Government	12,900	12,900	13,400	+0 +0.0%	-500 -3.7%
State Government	8,200	8,200	8,500	+0 +0.0%	-300 -3.5%
Local Government	4,300	4,300	4,500	+0 +0.0%	-200 -4.4%
Local Govt Education	2,700	2,700	2,800	+0 +0.0%	-100 -3.6%

NATURAL RESOURCES AND MINING EMPLOYMENT SHOWN ONLY IN TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL, PRIVATE & GOODS PRODUCING
CONSTRUCTION EMPLOYMENT SHOWN ONLY IN TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL, PRIVATE & GOODS PRODUCING

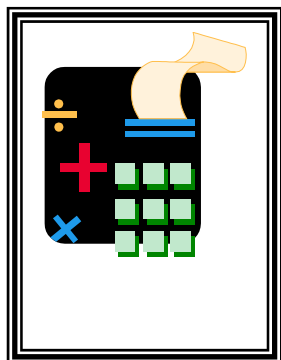
MUNCIE MSA EMPLOYMENT TRENDS



STATE LAUNCHES NEW LABOR MARKET INFORMATION WEB SITE

A new labor market information web site operated by the Indiana Department of Workforce Development is now available for use by the general public. The site can be accessed at www.hoosierdata.in.gov. The new site contains labor market data, statistics and trends compiled by the Department and the United States Department of Labor. The new web site is part of a major upgrade of the content and usability of the labor market information data the department regularly compiles on Indiana's workforce. It offers improved functionality in that users can more easily sort and rank data, can "grab" data in spreadsheet or text formats, and more easily make geographic comparisons. The data on the web site is used by economic development officials, researchers, policy-makers and other officials in a wide variety of economic development initiatives and community investment decisions.

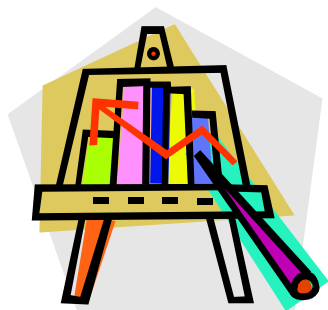
MONTHLY COMPARISON OF UNEMPLOYMENT CLAIMS BY OFFICE



LOCAL OFFICE	April 2006	March 2006	Previous Month % Change	April 2005	Year Ago % Change
Anderson	7,974	7,984	-0.1%	6,096	30.8%
Auburn	9,442	12,311	-23.3%	9,066	4.1%
Connersville	2,320	2,930	-20.8%	2,824	-17.8%
Fort Wayne	16,419	18,484	-11.2%	15,411	6.5%
Kokomo	11,289	11,388	-0.9%	8,234	37.1%
Marion	5,687	6,029	-5.7%	6,302	-9.8%
Muncie	10,634	11,809	-10.0%	11,277	-5.7%
Richmond	3,271	3,891	-15.9%	3,473	-5.8%
INDIANA	253,681	292,533	-13.3%	241,145	5.2%

APPLICANT POOL ECONOMIC GROWTH REGION 6

Applicant Pool provides a numerical ranking of the top twenty jobs being sought by job applicants. These data are extracted from the Department of Workforce Development's Customer Self Service System (CS3). Each week the job title list in the applicant pool is determined by examining the pool of applicants who are registered in CS3. The twenty job titles that are specified most often by job applicants in the CS3 system are listed. The numbers of applicants requesting those jobs are also displayed. Report date June 11, 2006



Job Title	Number of Applicants
Assemblers (Factory Work)	4,514
Production Laborers	3,677
All Other Machine Operators	3,073
Forklift/Industrial Truck Operators	2,474
Hand Packers & Packagers	2,309
All Other Hand Workers	2,290
Production Inspectors, Tester, Graders	1,726
Cashiers, General	1,546
All Other Precision Assemblers	1,448
All Other Metal & Plastic Mach Operators	1,429
All Other Machine Setters&Setup Operators	1,145
General Office Clerks	1,411
Order fillers – Wholesale/Retail Sales	1,332
Production Helpers	1,270
Other Hand Material Movers	1,248
Machine Assemblers	1,232
Packaging/Filling Machine Operators	1,211
Other Inspectors & Testers	1,161
Shipping & Receiving Clerks	1,134
Combination Machine Tool Operators	1,113



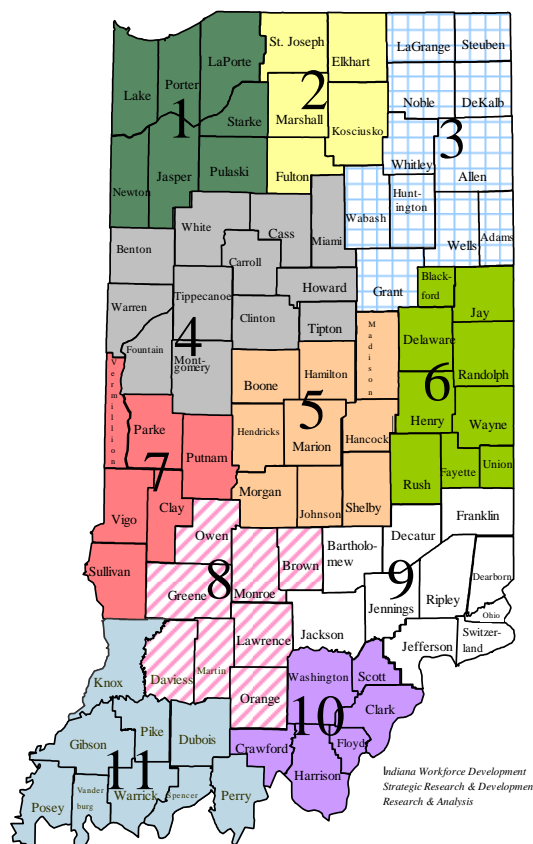
The Hoosier Hot 50 Jobs – A listing of the jobs most “in demand” for the state of Indiana has been sent to education, workforce and economic development officials and posted in each of the department’s 26 WorkOne Centers and across the state. The 50 jobs were selected based on growth factors from Indiana’s Occupational Projections 2002-2012, and wage information from the Occupational Employment Statistics survey produced by the department. To be selected for the list, a job had to be ranked in the top 200 in total growth (the numeric growth of new jobs) and in the top 200 in percent growth from 2002 to 2012. This list was then limited to those jobs that had a higher average wage than the state’s median wage for all jobs (\$27,204), based on the November 2003 Occupational Employment Statistics wage survey. The listing is also available on the department’s web site, www.in.gov/dwd.

WAGE DEMAND INFORMATION

How many people are looking for work and how much do they expect to be paid? The Department of Workforce Development [Customer Self Service System \(CS3\)](#) performs matches between job applicants looking for work and employers looking for new employees. **Wage Demand** provides the number of applicants registered in CS3, as well as the annual and median wages that the applicants expect to be paid.

County	Average Annual Wage Demand	Median Annual Wage Demand	Number of Applicants
As of 6/11/06			
Blackford	\$22,312	\$18,720	986
Delaware	\$20,503	\$17,680	3,330
Fayette	\$27,051	\$19,760	829
Henry	\$18,374	\$16,640	2,011
Jay	\$25,458	\$18,720	668
Randolph	\$25,105	\$18,720	863
Rush	\$22,549	\$20,800	279
Union	\$23,430	\$20,800	140
Wayne	\$21,923	\$18,720	1,962
Indiana	\$25,097	\$20,800	145,801

Indiana Economic Growth Regions



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Consumer Price Index

1 Month Percent Change

Not Seasonally Adjusted

Midwest Urban Average(All items)

Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
2005	0.2	0.6	0.6	0.8	-0.2	0.2	0.3	0.7	1.5	-0.2	-0.9	-0.3
2006	0.6	-0.1	0.7	0.5								

12 Months Percent Change

Not Seasonally Adjusted

Midwest Urban Average(All items)

Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
2005	2.6	2.8	2.9	3.4	2.5	2.5	2.8	3.5	4.8	4.1	3.0	3.2
2006	3.6	3.0	3.1	2.8								

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics



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